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Physiological Laboratory of the Faculty of Medicine of Paris, is divided into two parts—the first treating the subject theoretically, the second from the technical standpoint. Beginning with a chapter on chemical composition, the author proceeds with a discussion of the phenomena of coagulation, of milk secretion, and of the varying composition of different milks. A chapter each is devoted to woman's milk and to cow's milk, while others treat of the digestibility of milk, infant alimentation, and milk micro-organisms. The technical portion treats of milk analysis and adulteration. Under the first head is given in detail the admirable method used at the Municipal Laboratory of Paris, as well as the methods of Grandeaup, Quesneville, and Adams. The various rapid methods are discussed in detail, and excellent means for the preservation of milk suggested. The book is new and a welcome addition to our literature on the subject.

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C. P.

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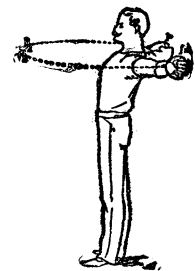
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